



"Fighting for California Taxpayers"

Welcome

Dear Friends:

This month, I wrote a letter to Governor Brown, urging him to support Assembly Bill 1412, which will right a grave wrong done to more than 2,000 small-business investors who followed the law when claiming an income tax credit for their investment in qualified small businesses. These investors are being retroactively charged about \$120 million in income taxes after the Court of Appeal found constitutional issues with the tax credit which had been law for more than 20 years. AB 1412 would protect these taxpayers from this injustice. You can see my letter to Governor Brown [here](#).

As you can see below, I've also urged Governor Brown to sign another important bill, AB 182, which will place new limits on dangerous Capital Appreciation Bonds.

The Governor has already signed AB 163, which will continue a sales tax exemption for naval and marine thrift stores. I proposed the military thrift store exemption for BOE support, with State Controller John Chiang in 2009, and am encouraged that the Legislature and Governor have agreed to keep the program in place.

Unfortunately, the Governor also signed a \$2 billion extension of car taxes that will continue to hurt California drivers until 2024. And SB 391, which would create a new \$75 tax on recorded documents, as well as SB 1, which would allow new local government entities to raise sales taxes have survived the end of session and will return in early January for a vote.

I will continue to keep you informed of events in Sacramento that affect



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From left to right: Assemblyman Donald Wagner, Vice Chair Steel, Assemblywoman Diane Harkey, and Lake Forest Mayor Scott Voigts in front, a-

t their free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based groups at Saddleback Church.

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As always, I am honored to serve as your taxpayer advocate. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



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In The News

Commentary: AB 182 Would Help Taxpayers Monitor Bonds

(Op-ed: Daily Pilot)

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(Op-ed: The Huntington Beach Independent)

Split roll tax would be devastating setback for state

(Op-ed: Jim Taylor, San Diego Source)

Upcoming Taxpayer Events

On **October 8**, I am hosting a free small business seminar, with the City of Fountain Valley at the Fountain Valley Recreation and Park Center.

These free seminars are geared towards new business owners, entrepreneurs considering starting a business, and business owners that have questions about state or federal tax laws. Presentations include Basic Sales and Use Tax, Better Business through Better Records, State Income Tax and Small

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A full house at Steel's free small business seminar in Temecula.

The Steel Summary September

2nd—Labor Day

4th—Steel speaks at the San Diego Association of Realtors' Protect Prop 13 Breakfast.

7th—Korean American Coalition 30th Anniversary Awards Gala.

10th—Board of Equalization Meeting in San Francisco.

17th—Steel hosts a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations with Assemblyman Donald P. Wagner, Assemblywoman Diane Harkey, and Mayor Scott Voigts at Saddleback Church in Lake Forest.

Business, Employee or Independent Contractor, U.S. Small Business Administration Loan Programs and Services, Developing Business Plans, and Business Marketing.

These seminars are an excellent opportunity for small-business owners, and for those thinking of starting small-businesses, to network and to interact directly with state and federal tax agencies; to learn about their rights as taxpayers, and how to navigate our complicated state and federal tax codes.

You can take a look at the invitation [here](#), and register for this event by clicking [here](#).

On **October 15**, I am sponsoring a free Food Industry and Dining Seminar with Riverside County Supervisor John Benoit at the Coachella Valley Water District in Palm Desert. This is an ideal event for restaurant and bar owners, mobile food vendors, and all others who would like to start or expand a food-industry business.

You can register by clicking [here](#).

On **October 22**, I am hosting a free Sales and Use Tax Workshop at the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce. Entrepreneurs and small-business owners looking for answers and help with state Sales and Use Tax Laws.

Click [here](#) to see the invitation, and you can register [here](#).

On **October 24**, I am sponsoring a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faith-based organizations at the QLN Conference Center in Oceanside.

Nonprofit organizations with questions about state tax laws, new and prospective nonprofits, and those hoping to expand their knowledge should consider attending this informative seminar. Representatives from the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, and the Attorney General's Office, will offer important presentations.

It is an excellent opportunity to network and to interact directly with state and federal tax agencies; to learn about their rights as taxpayers, and how to navigate our complicated state and federal tax codes.

You can register for this event by clicking [here](#).

19th—Steel hosts a free food industry seminar in San Diego.

25th—Steel hosts a free small business tax seminar in Temecula.

October

3rd—Steel speaks at the Irvine Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Meeting.

8th—Steel hosts a free small business seminar in Fountain Valley.

8th—Steel speaks at the 2013 Orange County Asian Business Expo.

15th—Steel and Riverside County Supervisor John Benoit host a free Palm Desert Dining Industry Seminar.

16th—Steel speaks at the American Legislative Exchange Council's 2013 Tax and Fiscal Policy Academy in Santa Barbara.

22nd—Annual Board of Equalization Meeting with County Assessors in Redding.

22nd—Steel hosts a free Sales and Use Tax Workshop at the Huntington Beach Chamber of Commerce

24th—Steel hosts a free tax seminar for nonprofit and faithbased organizations in Oceanside.

29th—Board of Equalization Meeting in Culver City.

30th—Board of Equalization Meeting in Culver City.

31st—Board of Equalization Meeting in Culver City.



Steel with Ms. Pilai Siripanich, Executive Director of the Thai Trade Center Los Angeles, at the 1st Annual Thai Food Festival 2013.

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Helpful Links for California Taxpayers

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